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Our man in Amman indicates that no final decision has yet been made regarding possible move of the Amman mission in FY-85. FBO indicated that the interim site had been ruled out for structural deficiencies, but the attached seems to mean the Ambassador hasn't given up yet. We have estimated the Amman move would cost about \$300,000 in FBIS funds, in addition to State costs for providing a new Mission site.

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SUBJECT: BUREAU RELOCATION Y

INFO REACHING US FROM FBO ARCHITECT INDICATES THAT RAMA HOTEL
OPTION HAS CANCELED ITSELF OUT BECAUSE ANALYSIS OF CONCRETE TEST
CORES SHOW THAT THERE ARE STRUCTURAL DEFICIENCIES. THE IMPRESSION
WE GET IS THAT FBO IS NOW DEVOTING ITSELF TOWARD CONSTRUCTION OF NEW
PERMANENT FACILITY. DOES THIS CORRESPOND WITH WHAT YOU ARE HEARING?
OUR INTEREST FOCUSES PRIMARILY AT THIS POINT ON WHETHER YOUR
RELOCATION WILL TAKE PLACE IN FY 85 OR SOME FUTURE FISCAL YEAR. WE
ARE STILL ASSUMING YOU WILL BE LOCATED IN THE NEW EMBASSY FACILITY
BUT OF COURSE WE WANT TO PLAN/BUDGET FOR COSTS PECULIAR TO FBIS.
I'VE BEEN ASSUMING THAT \$300,000 WILL COVER IT.

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1. YOUR INFORMATION ABOUT RESULTS OF THE RAMA HOTEL CONCRETE TESTS (NOT YET RELEASED TO COUNTRY TEAM) HAS BEEN CONFIRMED TO ME PRIVATELY AS CORRECT, BASED ON VERBAL COMMUNICATION BETWEEN FRO AND AMBASSADOR BOEKER. BELIEVE IT IS STILL TOO EARLY TO CONCLUDE FROM THAT, HOWEVER, THAT AN FY-85 INTERIM MOVE IS OUT OF THE QUESTION. LOCAL CONDITIONS BEHIND THE AMBASSADOR'S DECISION TO ADOPT THESE MEASURES REMAIN UNCHANGED. AND I HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT A BRIEFING OF COUNTRY TEAM MEMBERS IS STILL ABOUT 10 DAYS IN THE FUTURE, WHICH SUGGESTS THAT, BESIDES WAITING FOR FRO'S DETAILED REPORT, FINAL DECISIONS HAVE YET TO BE MADE.

2. SUGGEST AMMAN RELOCATION FUNDS NOT BE RELEASED TO OTHER PROJECTS JUST YET. AS YOU CAN SEE, COUNTRY TEAM MEMBERS ARE NOT ALWAYS KEPT UP TO THE MINUTE ON ALL THE DAY-TO-DAY DETAILS, BUT I WILL BE PASSING ON WHATEVER INFORMATION I HAVE AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE. [REDACTED] ALL CONFIDENTIAL.

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